

Western Australian Office

MONTHLY STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA - FEBRUARY, 1960

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POPULATION ESTIMATES

Whole State at 31.12.1959

Metropolitan at 30.6.1959

Males - 372,252 Females - 354,237 Persons - 726,489

Persons - 389,000

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS

Particulars	JANUARY				Twelve Months ended DECEMBER			
	1960		1959		1959		1958	
	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)
Marriages	527	8.56	494	8.13	5,387	7.49	5,038	7.14
Births	1,351	21.96	1,407	23.24	17,111	23.80	16,731	23.71
Deaths	430	6.99	385	6.37	5,497	7.65	5,554	7.87
Infant Mortality (b)	37	27.39	32	22.71	345	20.16	360	21.52

(a) Equivalent annual rate per 1,000 of population except for Infant Mortality which represents rate per 1,000 live births. (b) Deaths under one year.

DEATHS BY PRINCIPAL CAUSES

Cause	JANUARY		Twelve Months ended DECEMBER	
	1960	1959	1959	1958
Tuberculosis	3	4	24	27
Malignant neoplasms	72	68	911	880
Diabetes mellitus	4	3	48	57
Diseases of blood, etc.	1	2	18	14
Cerebral haemorrhage, etc.	51	51	612	691
Diseases of the heart	121	112	1,783	1,814
Hypertension with heart disease	14	6	125	154
Other hypertensive diseases	1	3	51	53
Arteriosclerosis	9	10	143	126
Influenza	1	-	82	9
Pneumonia	14	5	213	204
Bronchitis	5	4	79	74
Other respiratory diseases	1	1	64	62
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	3	2	35	45
Gastro-enteritis and colitis	2	5	28	30
Chronic enteritis and ulcerative colitis	1	-	9	10
Cirrhosis of the liver	5	2	23	32
Nephritis and nephrosis	1	2	64	64
Disease of the prostate	1	5	50	47
Maternal causes	-	-	5	8
Diseases of early infancy	25	19	195	201
Motor vehicle accidents	21	19	174	191
Other accidents	16	22	169	171
Suicide	10	5	86	103
All other causes	48	35	506	487
Total:	430	385	5,497	5,554

LAND SETTLEMENT

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the two months ended February, 1960, totalled 121,406 acres, a decrease of 73,273 acres compared with the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered during the same period amounted to 33,427 acres, a decrease of 4,409,630 acres compared with the corresponding period of 1959.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

Item	FEBRUARY		Eight Months ended FEBRUARY	
	1960	1959	1960	1959
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue	4,935,547	4,753,006	38,433,023	37,349,619
Revenue per Head of Population	6. 15. 8	6. 13. 2	53. 2. 5	52. 12. 6
Expenditure	5,204,382	4,832,529	42,738,654	41,609,956
Expenditure per Head of Population	7. 3. 1	6. 15. 4	59. 1. 5	58. 12. 6

SAVINGS BANKS

Depositors' Balances at the end of February, 1960, amounted to £76,093,264 or £104-10-6 per head of population as against £68,582,329 or £96-0-5 per head at the end of February, 1959.

BANK CLEARANCES

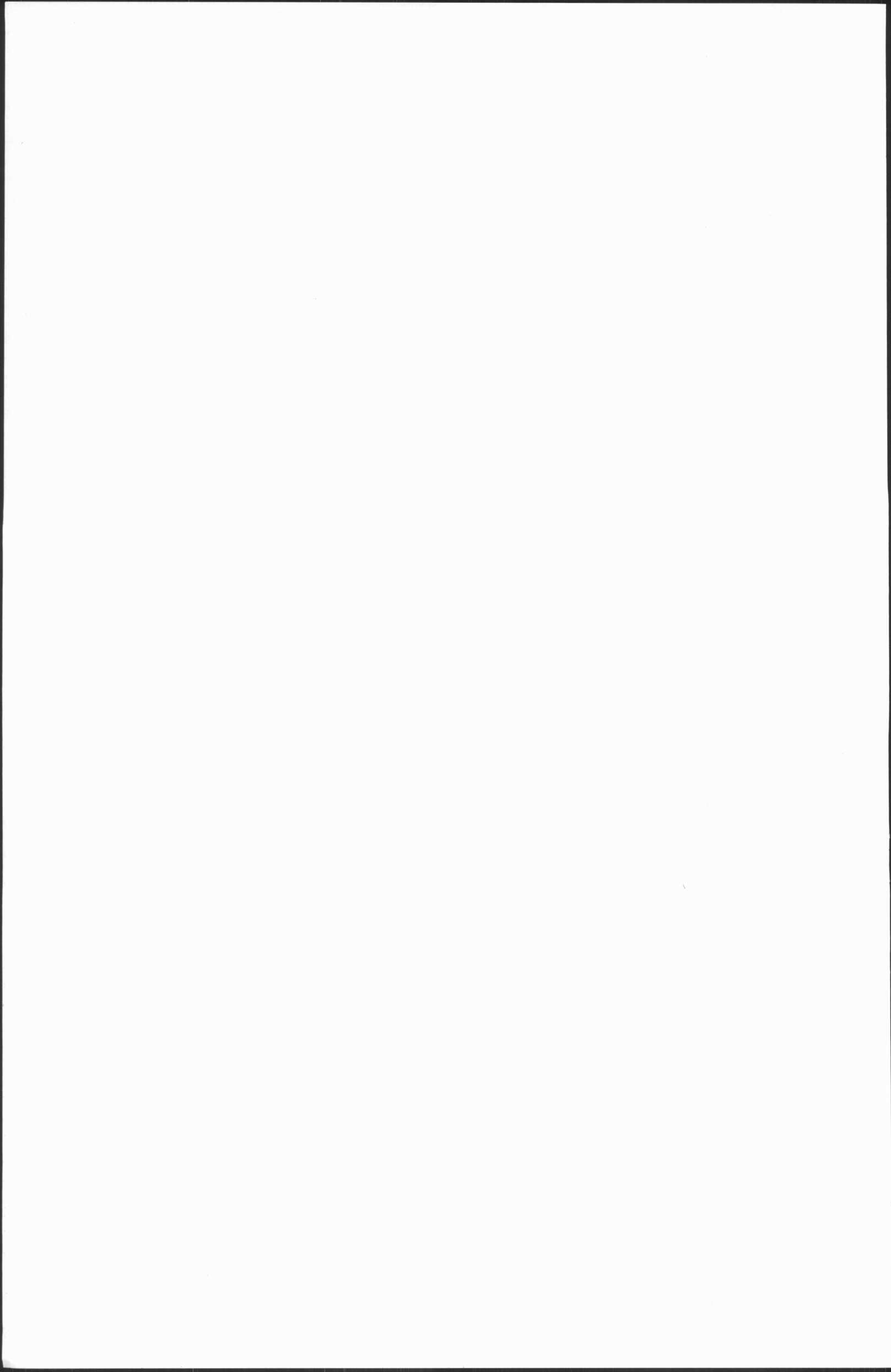
The average weekly clearance for the four weeks ended 24th February, 1960, amounted to £22,047,689 compared with £20,925,835 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds		FEBRUARY		Eight Months ended FEBRUARY	
		1960	1959	1960	1959
Transfers	No.	1,687	1,564	14,159	12,636
	£.	3,674,639	3,019,123	23,815,158	20,905,530
Mortgages	No.	1,276	1,174	10,490	9,746
	£.	2,634,936	2,373,663	22,121,841	18,759,687
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	1,068	924	8,231	7,265

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED

Period of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Net)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
February, 1960	4,549,890	2,903,192	10,811,648	674,870
February, 1959	4,019,376	3,050,248	9,256,648	591,047
Eight Months ended February, 1960	35,168,618	26,670,416	88,791,077	5,692,928
Eight Months ended February, 1959	32,299,142	24,903,351	79,662,102	4,826,201



COMPANIES REGISTERED

212 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £10,160,800 and 100 Foreign Companies were registered during the eight months ended February, 1960. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 148 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £7,372,850 and 81 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY

Item	Eight Months ended FEBRUARY					
	1960			1959		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
		£.	£.		£.	£.
Sequestration Orders	83	150,099	39,307	77	381,320	82,076
Compositions, Assignments and Deeds of Arrangement(a)	52	164,634	200,112	65	355,298	312,204

(a) Under Parts XI and XII of Bankruptcy Act.

TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

Item		JANUARY		Seven Months ended JANUARY	
		1960	1959	1960	1959
Gross Earnings (a)*	£.	1,148,700	1,212,300	8,380,100	7,550,900
Operating Expenses (a)	£.	1,221,272	1,205,942	8,869,030	8,614,255
Train Miles Run	No.	626,908	675,508	4,625,547	4,390,961
Motor Bus Miles Run	No.	(b)92,192	(c)96,217	(d)671,081	(e)660,198
<u>Passenger Journeys -</u>					
Train	No.	1,043,623	1,098,377	8,122,985	8,233,018
Motor Bus	No.	23,053	23,230	157,612	156,154
<u>Tonnage Carried -</u>					
Paying Goods		374,772	367,358	2,342,995	1,906,706
Livestock		11,800	10,302	106,264	98,542
Departmental (Free Freight)		45,787	56,801	394,659	421,041
Total:		432,359	434,461	2,843,918	2,426,289
<u>Net Ton Milage of -</u>					
Paying Goods		51,833,576	56,522,402	367,998,853	312,735,223
Livestock		1,404,031	1,302,266	13,798,750	13,302,283
Departmental (Free Freight)		3,685,142	5,109,073	36,493,399	39,119,187
Total:		56,922,749	62,933,741	418,291,002	365,156,693

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

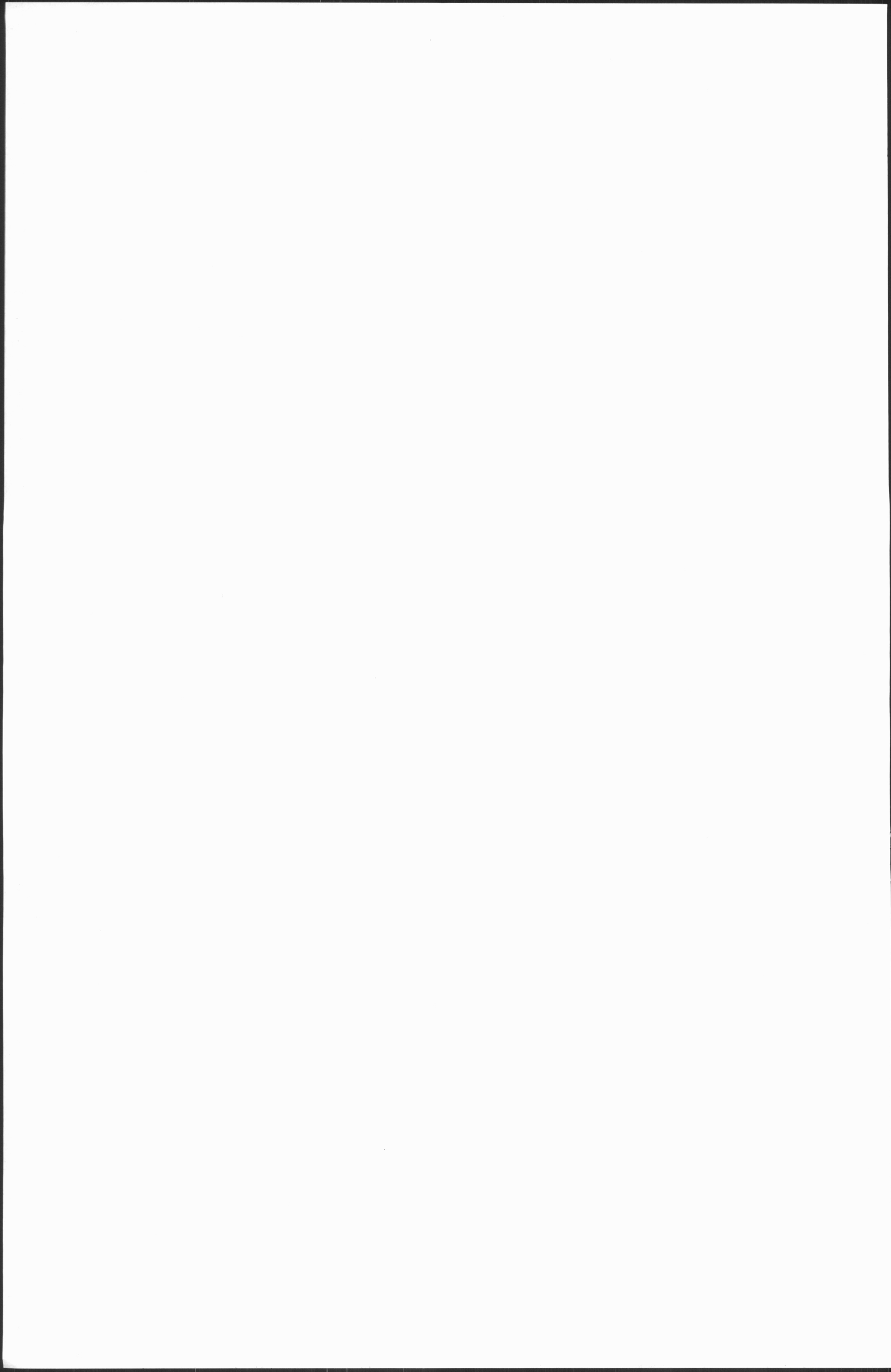
(b) Four weeks ended 2nd January.

(c) Four weeks ended 3rd January.

(d) Period 1st July to 2nd January.

(e) Period 1st July to 3rd January.

* Figures subject to revision.



MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED

Period	Metropolitan Traffic Area					Whole State (a)				
	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
1955	6,852	162	2,371	18	701	11,612	233	5,373	59	1,130
1956	5,219	97	1,759	24	724	9,067	169	4,413	85	1,057
1957	5,639	228	1,856	35	1,007	9,865	370	4,385	71	1,447
1958	5,794	762	1,942	15	1,306	9,548	1,290	4,784	43	1,860
1959	5,957	1,205	2,454	20	1,615	9,785	1,962	5,684	55	2,187
1959 -										
January	435	77	180	-	149	732	118	419	3	182
February	446	68	153	-	166	719	108	398	10	214
March	393	88	138	-	134	656	129	404	6	191
April	419	82	197	1	151	692	119	457	4	197
May	408	85	216	-	150	682	126	465	2	203
June	434	99	208	1	105	721	155	450	3	144
July	479	123	229	-	118	799	176	486	2	176
August	489	109	225	9	76	814	189	487	12	125
September	528	132	249	3	131	828	210	514	4	181
October	578	117	256	1	128	959	207	571	2	163
November	703	112	196	1	138	1,091	207	505	1	194
December	645	113	207	4	169	1,092	218	528	6	217
1960 -										
January	471	75	134	-	123	711	142	326	2	170

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)

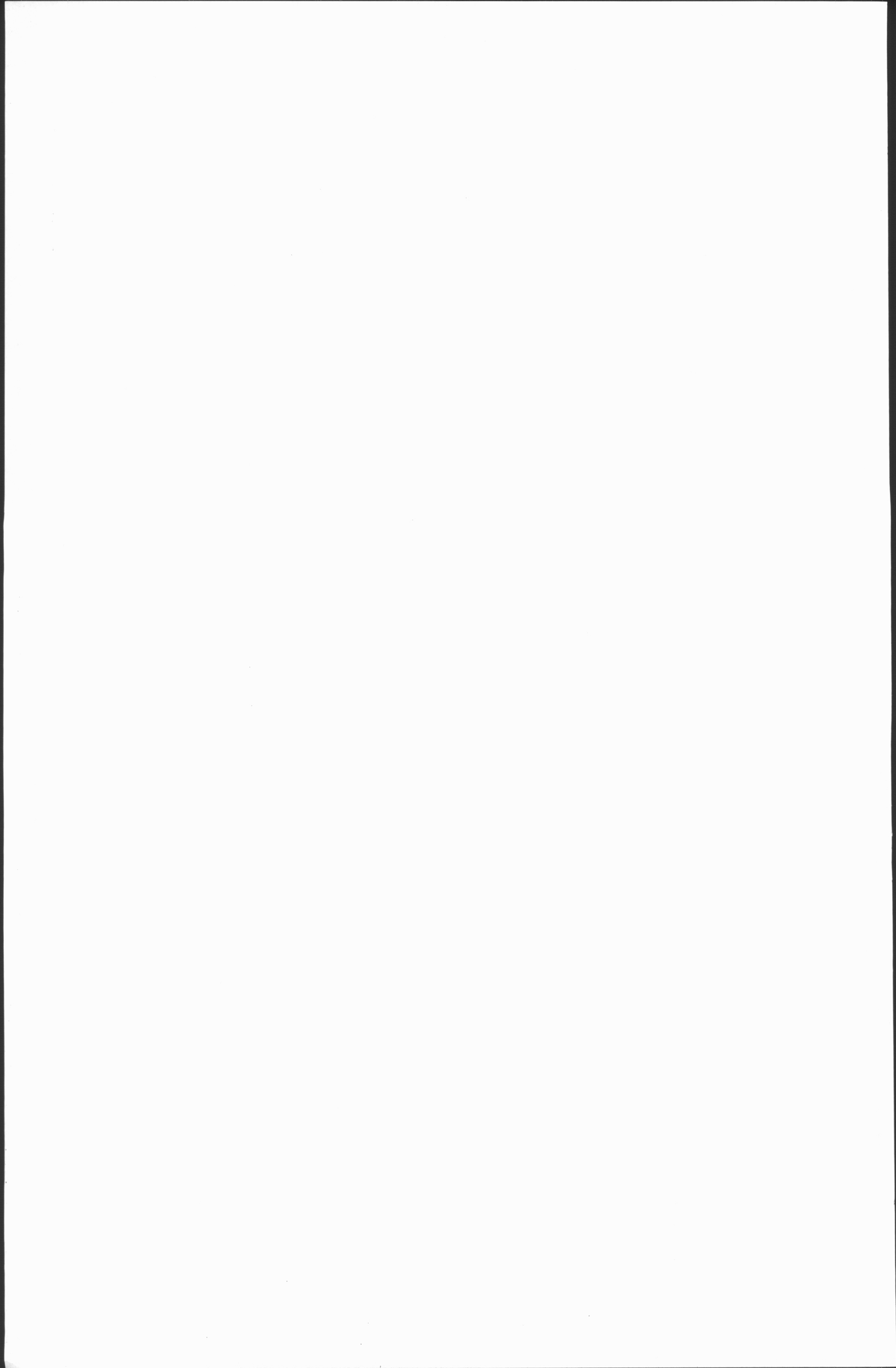
Date(as at end of Month)	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Whole State (a)			
	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
1957 -								
June	65,013	24,354	560	8,770	103,788	64,806	1,204	13,146
December	67,315	24,209	592	8,389	107,052	64,236	1,234	12,599
1958 -								
June	69,414	24,217	553	8,580	110,573	65,046	1,190	12,827
December	73,190	24,908	545	8,759	114,685	65,582	1,177	12,935
1959 -								
June	75,203	25,222	584	9,080	118,112	66,617	1,213	13,411
December	78,759	25,955	571	9,416	123,293	68,017	1,191	13,559
1960 -								
January	79,633	26,120	571	9,464	122,846	67,210	1,102	13,352

(a) Includes Commonwealth-owned vehicles other than those of Defence Services

TRADE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA)

Expressed in Terms of Australian Currency
(£,000)

Item	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (including Ships' Stores)			
	JANUARY		Seven Months ended JANUARY		JANUARY		Seven Months ended JANUARY	
	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959
Oversea	3,559	4,218	25,912	29,267	11,278	8,731	65,736	52,787
Interstate	11,539	5,906	70,548	56,944	1,774	2,480	18,763	19,606
Total:	15,098	10,124	96,460	86,211	13,052	11,211	84,499	72,393



BUILDING ACTIVITY

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
1950	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
1951	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
1952	2,883	5,824	4,946	11,201	63	667	604	2,242	8,496	19,934
1953	2,988	7,219	4,839	12,624	84	817	714	3,657	8,625	24,317
1954	3,127	8,255	5,044	13,491	111	1,544	844	5,015	9,126	28,305
1955	2,788	8,194	6,422	18,091	129	3,405	933	6,900	10,272	36,590
1956	1,921	5,708	4,773	13,508	97	946	923	7,359	7,714	27,521
1957	1,401	4,086	4,748	13,680	100	1,110	714	6,450	6,963	25,326
1958	1,371	3,884	4,638	13,978	146	1,851	714	10,735	6,869	30,448
1959	1,452	3,880	4,657	14,134	138	986	731	9,376	6,978	28,376
1959 -										
March Qr.	366	981	1,028	3,071	24	139	161	2,045	1,579	6,236
June Qr.	409	1,107	1,066	3,192	41	277	184	1,923	1,700	6,499
Sept. Qr.	367	961	1,251	3,682	37	332	182	2,286	1,837	7,261
Dec. Qr.	310	831	1,312	4,189	36	238	204	3,122	1,862	8,380

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor Operations and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and Other Residentials excluded from Table (2) below.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

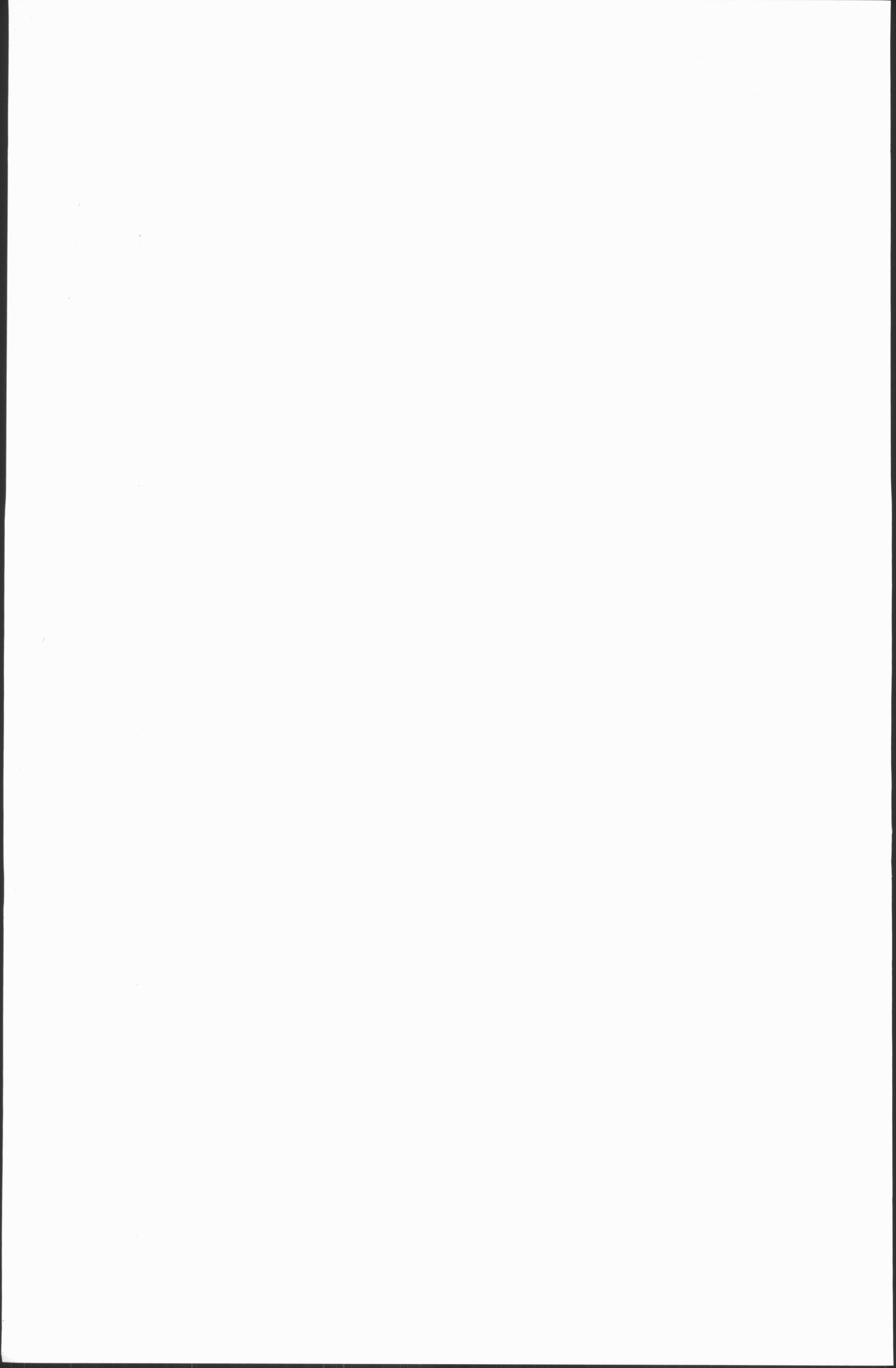
(includes Owner-Built Houses)

Period	Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Cement, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other		Total	
	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000
1950	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
1952	3,006	8,097	745	1,609	3,844	6,678	135	263	7,730	16,647
1953	2,676	8,417	976	2,657	3,966	8,277	24	54	7,642	19,405
1954	2,865	9,767	214	530	4,823	10,833	4	4	7,906	21,134
1955	3,268	11,775	225	621	5,271	12,614	8	17	8,772	25,027
1956	3,017	10,491	62	175	2,964	6,864	4	9	6,047	17,539
1957	3,773	12,159	28	67	2,139	4,890	6	9	5,946	17,125
1958	3,764	12,501	41	115	1,935	4,547	3	4	5,743	17,167
1959	3,762	12,327	28	58	2,066	4,780	6	13	5,862	17,178
1959 -										
March Qr.	831	2,775	9	19	532	1,215	1	2	1,373	4,011
June Qr.	891	2,946	8	18	531	1,200	3	9	1,433	4,173
Sept. Qr.	969	3,125	5	15	561	1,304	2	2	1,537	4,446
Dec. Qr.	1,071	3,481	6	6	442	1,061	-	-	1,519	4,548

MINE PRODUCTION OF GOLD (a)

Item		JANUARY		Twelve Months ended DECEMBER	
		1960	1959	1959	1958
Quantity	Fine oz.	62,163	61,218	860,920	874,819
Value (Aust. Currency)	£.	971,289	956,531	13,451,874	13,669,047
Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies	£.	37,800	-	2,085,390	2,067,826

(a) Revised to represent mine production (including gold contained in gold-bearing materials exported) instead of refinery production shown previously. Value is in terms of Australian currency, excluding amounts realized by the Gold Producers' Association Limited on sales of Western Australian gold and amount of subsidy paid by the Commonwealth Government.



RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities for 1923/27 = 1000)

Centre	Food and Groceries				"C" Series			
	DECEMBER Quarter		Twelve Months ended DECEMBER		DECEMBER Quarter		Twelve Months ended DECEMBER	
	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959
Metropolitan Area	2963	3075	2972	3071	2755	2824	2743	2807
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	3232	3362	3205	3326	2670	2736	2653	2712
Northam	3087	3129	3093	3136	2711	2754	2707	2740
Bunbury	3044	3078	3111	3091	2785	2850	2790	2833
Geraldton	3247	3442	3231	3371	2974	3112	2955	3064
Collie	3146	3212	3183	3213	2527	2570	2531	3057

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Excluding Wage Earners in Rural Industry, Female Private Domestic, Personnel in Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in Camp).

(Thousands)

Month	Males	Females	Persons	Month	Males	Females	Persons
<u>1958:</u>				<u>1959 (cont.):</u>			
February	138.9	45.7	184.6	February	139.2	46.5	185.7
March	139.8	46.0	185.8	March	139.7	46.8	186.5
April	139.4	45.9	185.3	April	139.8	46.8	186.6
May	138.8	45.9	184.7	May	139.5	47.1	186.6
June	138.6	45.6	184.2	June	139.5	46.8	186.3
July	138.1	45.6	183.7	July	139.6	46.8	186.4
August	138.3	45.9	184.2	August	139.4	46.7	186.1
September	138.8	46.2	185.0	September	140.2	47.1	187.3
October	139.2	46.2	185.4	October	140.5	47.4	187.9
November	139.1	46.4	185.5	November	140.6	48.0	188.6
December	139.3	46.8	186.1	December	140.3	48.0	188.3
<u>1959:</u>				<u>1960:</u>			
January	139.3	46.3	185.6	January	140.3	47.1	187.4

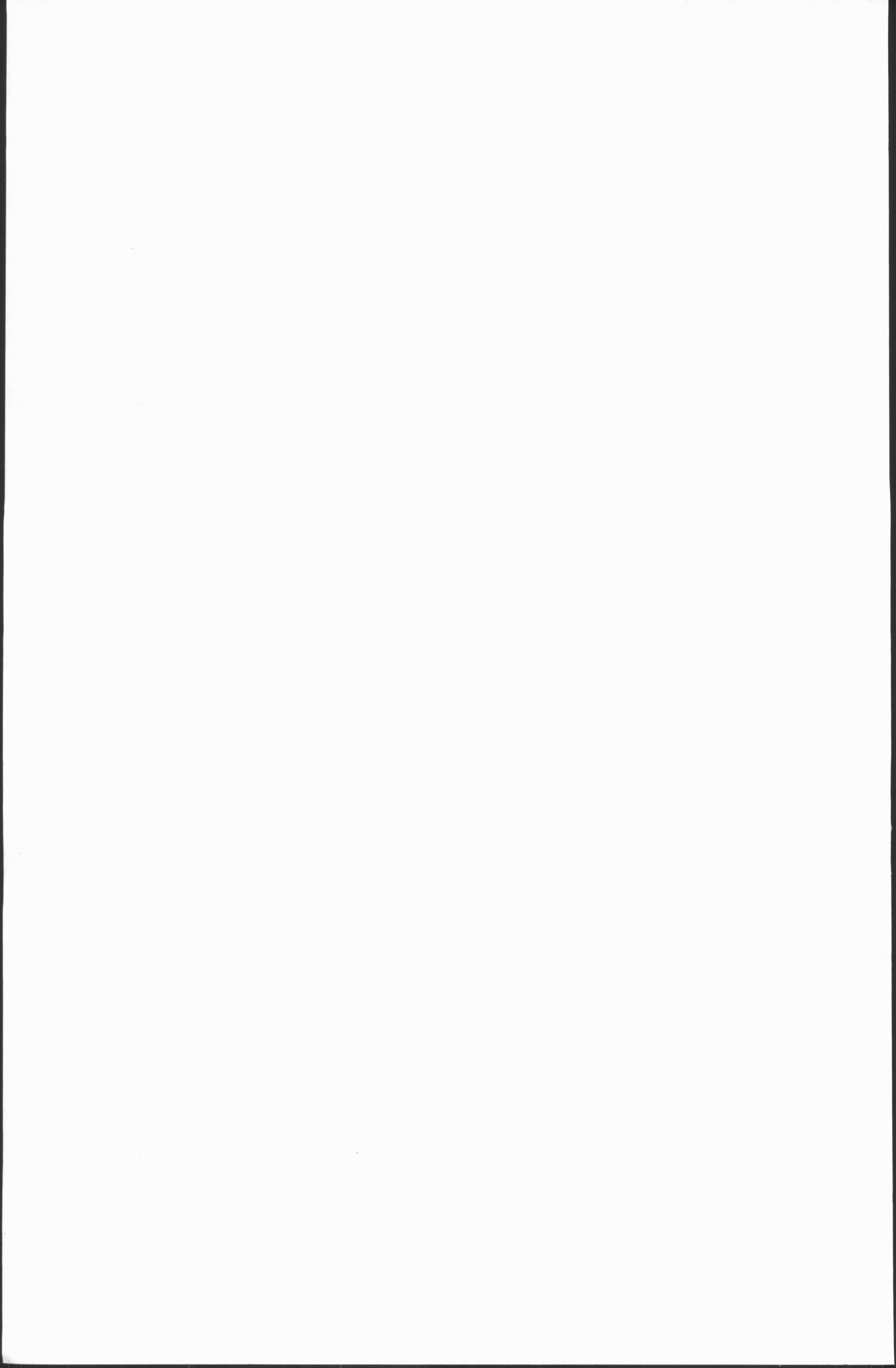
(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1958 are subject to revision.

INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Base: 1928/29 - 19,799 Employees = 100)

Month	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960
January	226	237	241	232	231	229	229
February	228	240	241	235	233	231	
March	231	242	240	236	234	233	
April	230	243	239	234	233	233	
May	231	242	238	234	230	232	
June	230	239	235	231	228	229	
July	230	238	231	229	229	229	
August	230	239	230	229	229	230	
September	232	241	233	232	230	229	
October	233	241	233	232	232	229	
November	234	243	233	233	231	231	
December	233	242	232	232	231	230	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1959 are preliminary.



STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area			South-West Land Division			Goldfields and Rest of State											
	Male		Female	Male		Female	Male		Female									
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.						
26/10/59	14.	1.	6	9.	3.	0	14.	1.	3	9.	2.	10	13.	17.	4	9.	0.	3
30/ 1/60	-			10.	11.	2	-			10.	10.	11	-			10.	8.	0

+ Female wage adjusted from 65% to 75% of male wage from first pay period commencing on, or after, this date.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS AND MEAT PRODUCTION

(1) SLAUGHTERINGS (Number)

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Lambs	Pigs
January, 1960	15,656	2,480	177,308	59,148	12,018
January, 1959	16,518	2,623	136,668	48,687	14,544
7 Months ended January, 1960	130,760	17,090	1,078,473	578,240	107,307
7 Months ended January, 1959	123,952	18,848	962,751	618,914	128,646

(2) MEAT PRODUCTION (Tons)

Period	Beef	Veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pork(a)
January, 1960	3,011	99	3,075	843	685
January, 1959	3,116	105	2,581	650	764
7 Months ended January, 1960	27,370	666	19,107	7,992	5,866
7 Months ended January, 1959	25,330	752	18,191	8,696	6,452

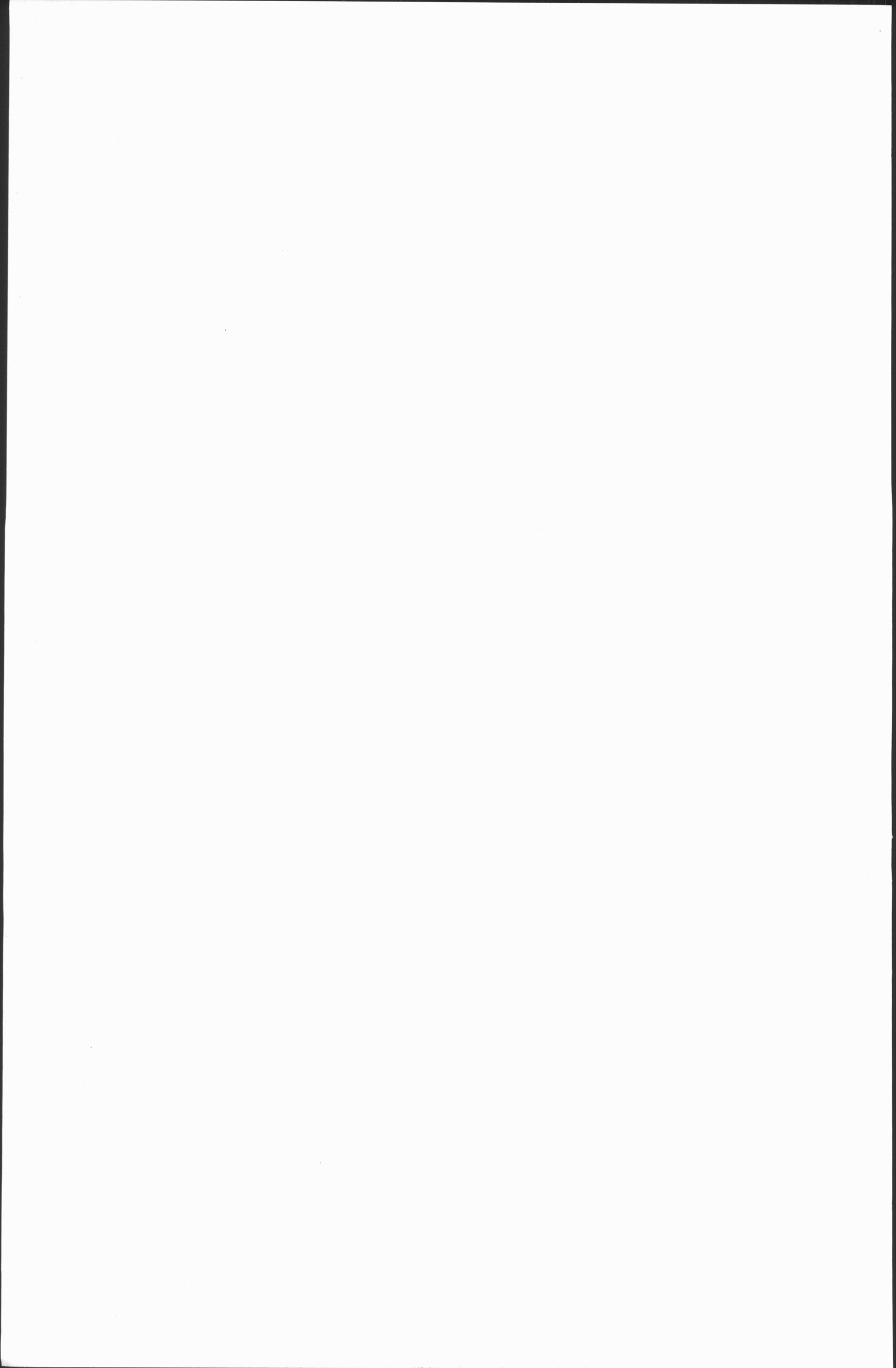
(a) Includes pork for bacon and ham - see page 12.

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

(Note - Excludes non-casualty accidents where damage was estimated to be £10 or less)

The term "Metropolitan" refers to the Metropolitan Traffic Area.

Period	Non-Casualty Accidents (Damage over £10)		Casualty Accidents		Total Accidents Reported		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State
1954	5,072	6,896	2,415	3,289	7,487	10,185	96	185	3,028	4,309
1955	5,878	7,907	2,237	3,158	8,115	11,065	110	199	2,669	3,987
1956	5,866	7,961	2,161	3,036	8,027	10,997	102	182	2,653	3,889
1957	6,150	8,343	2,244	3,220	8,394	11,563	87	152	2,733	4,068
1958	6,614	8,691	2,412	3,451	9,026	12,142	80	183	2,990	4,478
1959	6,349	8,492	2,474	3,521	8,823	12,013	86	171	3,135	4,624
Month ended January, 1959	448	663	193	291	641	954	7	16	248	420
Month ended January, 1960	525	707	208	279	733	986	8	17	273	373



AVERAGE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PRICES (METROPOLITAN MARKETS)

Note - The average prices shown in this table have been computed from a systematic sample of auctioneers' records of fruit and vegetables sold on the auction floor at each sale conducted at the Metropolitan Markets. Where the volume of sales of a particular commodity in any month outside its recognized season does not reach a significant proportion of sales for the year, a price has not been shown.

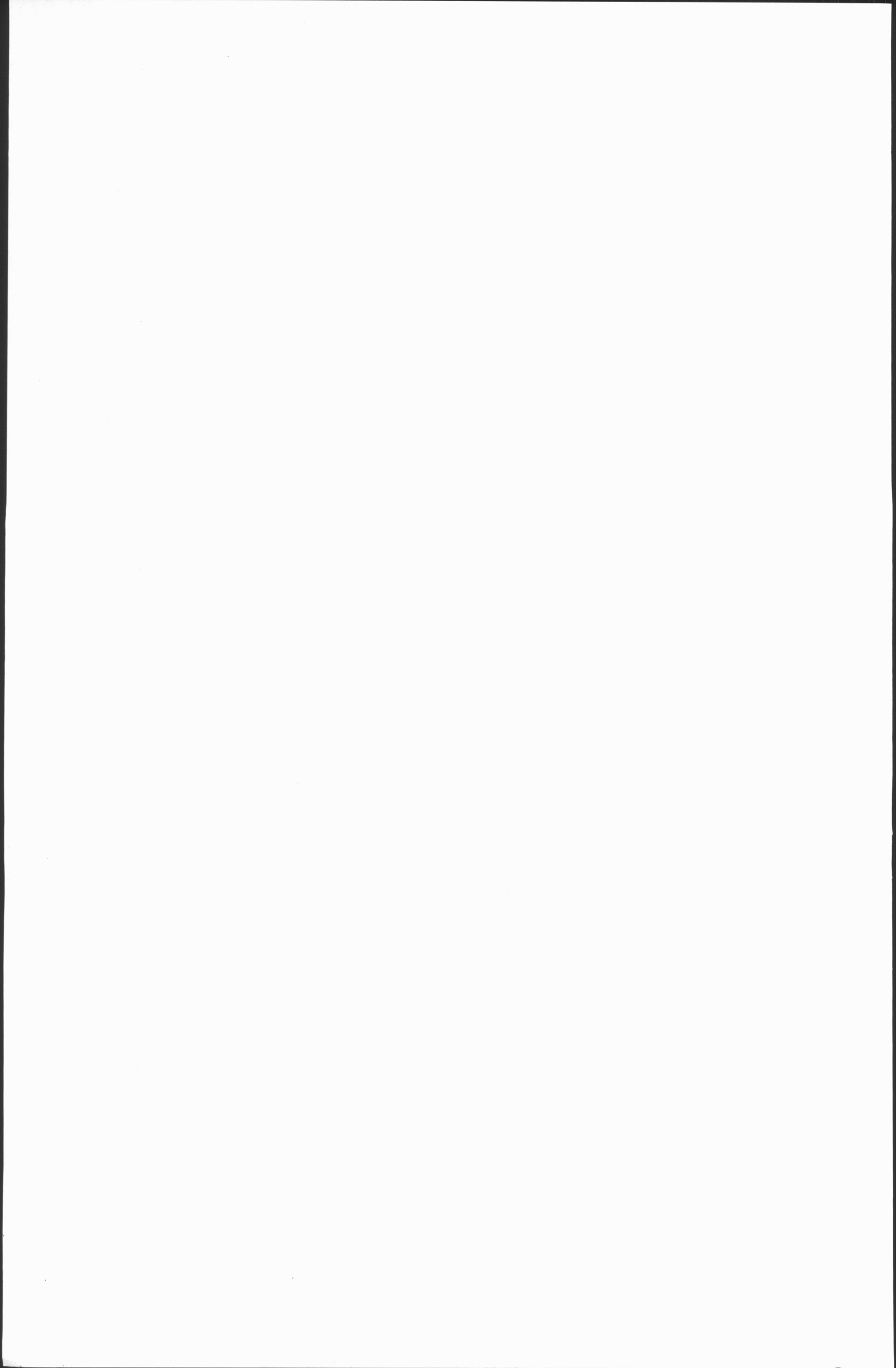
Item	Unit	1959											1960	
		Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
FRUIT		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Lemons	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	20.10	23. 6	25. 4	15. 7	13. 9	13. 0	10. 2	12.10	12. 6	11. 6	11. 2	11. 3	12. 8
Oranges - Navel	bush.	-	-	-	39.11	30. 0	27. 8	29. 2	32. 7	40. 3	-	-	-	-
- Val.	bush.	43. 6	40. 9	43.10	-	-	-	25. 6	28. 0	28. 8	28. 4	29. 0	35. 1	38. 9
Bananas - Local	lb.	8	8	11	9	11	1. 1	1. 2	1. 1	1. 4	1. 1	1. 0	1. 0	10
Apples - G.Smith	bush.	-	16. 9	18. 4	22. 7	22. 4	25. 2	25. 5	32. 9	38. 6	40. 7	38. 7	44. 3	-
- Other	bush.	24. 7	20.10	29. 9	26. 6	23. 6	24. 9	26.10	29. 5	34. 4	42. 6	49.10	37. 6	24.11
Pears	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	16.10	16.11	24. 2	21.10	17. 3	23.10	27. 0	27.11	-	-	-	-	26. 8
Apricots	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	32.11	38.10	42.11	-
Nectarines	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	22. 6	29. 0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33. 0	29. 0
Plums	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	17. 6	22. 8	31. 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	46. 2	30.11	36. 3
Peaches	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	16. 4	20. 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22.10	27. 8	34. 6	28. 9
Grapes	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	19. 7	24.10	27. 2	28. 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	26. 4	28. 4	29. 0
VEGETABLES														
Cabbage	crate/	13. 8	16. 7	11.10	11. 1	7. 1	6. 4	5. 2	5. 2	6. 3	7. 6	6. 2	4. 1	4. 7
Cauliflowers	dozen	18.10	13.10	17. 7	17.10	9. 9	13. 8	9. 4	16. 5	16. 9	14. 2	-	-	15. 7
Lettuce	crate	8. 3	8.10	8. 5	11. 7	15. 2	9.10	11. 3	13. 4	11. 4	11. 9	6. 0	6.11	9. 4
Table Celery	doz.head	8. 2	7. 4	7. 5	6.10	7. 0	6. 6	6. 9	7. 5	9. 2	8. 7	7.10	6. 8	10. 2
Beetroot	cwt.	50. 0	66. 3	23. 6	19. 4	24. 5	21.10	22. 8	26. 1	24. 1	22. 8	25. 6	20.11	31. 5
Carrots	cwt.	46. 2	64. 7	63. 8	41. 6	36. 0	24. 6	25. 1	28. 6	61. 4	57. 5	23.11	17. 1	19. 0
Parsnips	cwt.	93. 7	112. 4	127. 3	125. 4	87. 9	64. 2	45.11	46. 6	44.11	47. 1	46.10	38. 2	35. 5
Turnips	$\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.bag	15. 3	12. 7	10. 5	12. 2	12. 6	5.10	4. 4	5. 0	4. 8	9. 3	7. 0	5. 0	6.11
Swedes	cwt.	62. 0	58. 2	60.10	57. 1	38.10	30. 3	29. 7	27. 4	29. 6	44.10	49. 9	25. 9	22.10
Runner Beans	lb.	11	1. 1	5	11	1. 0	1. 3	1. 3	1. 5	1. 6	9	8	5	5
Peas	lb.	1. 9	1. 3	1. 2	1. 3	1. 5	1. 9	1. 0	1. 0	1. 0	11	1. 2	1. 5	1. 4
Sweet Potatoes	lb.	7	5	5	4	5	6	6	7	9	10	8	11	6
Pumpkin	bag	18. 1	16.10	15. 8	17. 6	19. 3	19. 2	29. 6	36. 1	43. 1	60. 6	42. 5	23. 9	17.11
Tomatoes	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	13. 8	15.10	14. 9	20.10	19. 8	28. 3	35.11	28. 3	21. 5	18. 2	15. 9	19. 1	18. 6
		£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.
Onions (a)	ton	40. 0.0	40. 0.0	40. 0.0	50. 0.0	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	55. 0.0	55. 0.0	55. 0.0	55. 0.0
Potatoes (b)	ton	36.10.0	36.10.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0

(a) W.A. Onion Marketing Board's price to Merchants delivered Metropolitan Area.

(b) W.A. Potato Marketing Board's price to Merchants F.O.R. Perth.

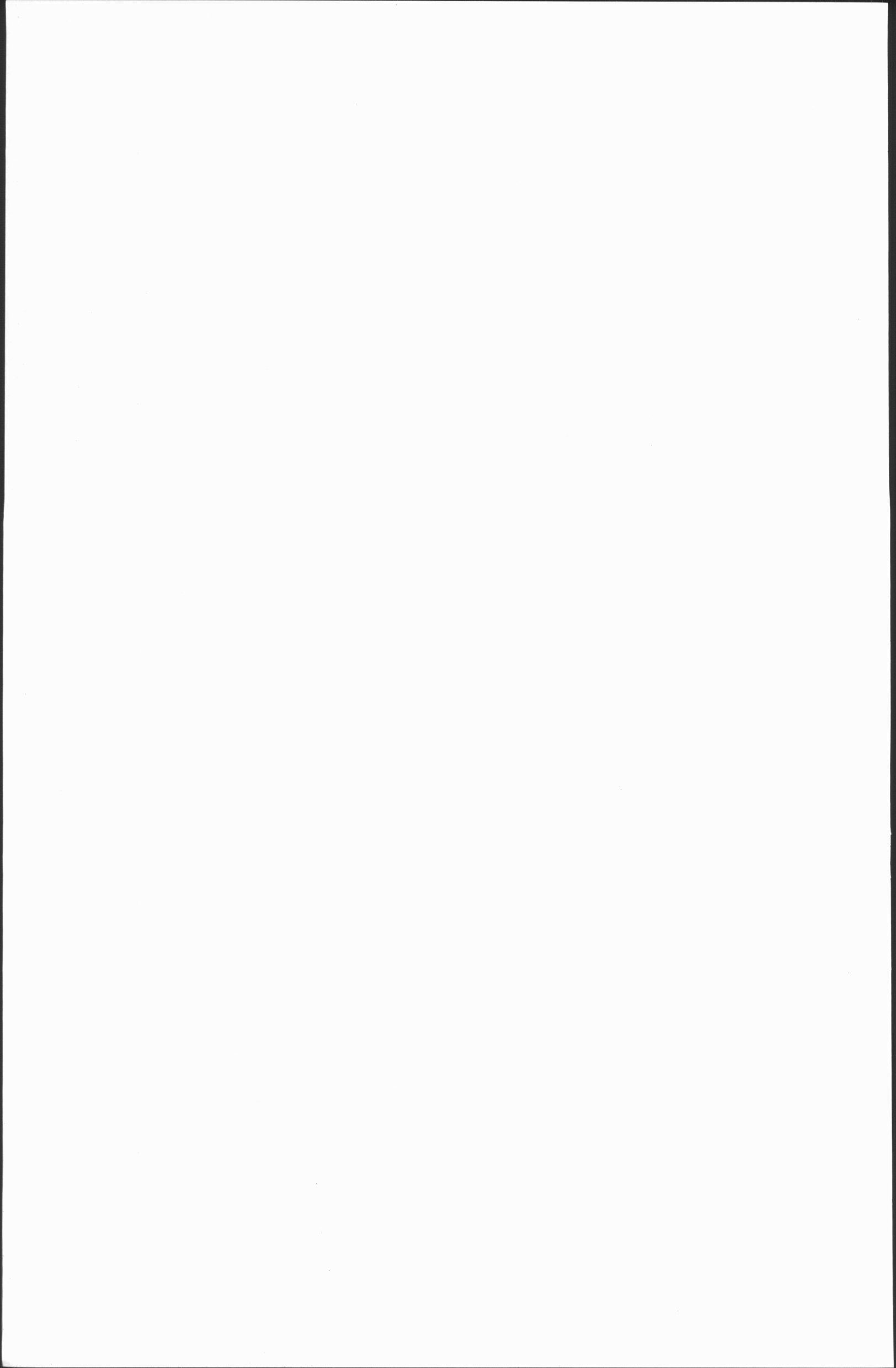
(c) Onion Pool closed.

7 50 lb. crate.



AVERAGE PRICES PER HEAD OF LIVESTOCK - GOOD QUALITY - SOLD AT THE MIDLAND JUNCTION SALEYARDS

Item	1959												1960	
	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	
SHEEP														
Suckers	-	-	-	-	-	4.10. 5	3.12. 7	2.14.11	2.12. 5	2. 9. 1	-	-	-	
Lambs														
In Wool	-	3.13. 7	3.17. 1	4. 9. 2	5. 3. 3	4. 6. 9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Shorn	3.16. 5	-	-	-	4. 9. 6	3. 9. 4	-	-	2. 1.10	2. 4. 6	2.12. 2	2.18.11	3. 5. 8	
Hoggets														
In Wool	-	-	3. 7. 9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Shorn	3. 0. 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.10. 7	2.16. 9	2.17. 0	
Ewes														
In Wool	-	1.18. 5	2. 3. 6	2.14. 2	3. 5. 6	3. 3. 3	3. 6.10	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Shorn	1.18. 6	-	-	-	-	1.14.11	1.16. 2	1. 6. 4	1. 3. 4	1. 3. 9	1.11. 3	1.14.11	1.19. 8	
Wethers														
In Wool	-	2. 7. 4	2.14. 1	3. 4. 0	3.13. 1	3.12. 1	3.13. 9	2.18. 5	-	-	-	-	-	
Shorn	2. 7. 5	-	-	2. 3.11	2. 9.11	2. 7. 8	2. 2. 3	1.14. 6	1.13. 7	1.13.10	2. 2. 0	2.11. 8	2.14. 9	
CATTLE														
Baby Beef	29. 4. 9	31.14. 4	33.17. 1	39.11. 4	37.17.11	37. 7.11	36. 7. 1	31.10. 1	29.17. 1	30. 1. 9	30. 0. 9	31.16.10	33.18.11	
Heifers	-	-	-	-	43.11. 0	44.17. 2	42.19. 9	40. 9. 4	35. 8.10	36. 5. 5	37. 0. 6	38.11. 6	-	
Cows	40. 3.11	42. 8. 7	46.10. 4	51. 7. 7	50. 3. 0	48.14. 0	47. 7. 3	45. 2.10	42. 9. 7	44. 9. 3	44.19. 1	47. 8. 9	50. 6.10	
Steers	44. 1. 0	45. 5. 7	48. 8. 3	55.14. 4	51. 2. 1	49. 4. 8	50. 2. 9	45. 4. 1	44.15. 6	44.17. 4	46. 5. 5	49.13. 8	51.13. 7	
Bullocks	-	-	53.16.11	56.15. 1	60.11. 2	-	56.15. 2	51. 7.10	51. 4. 2	52. 2.10	53. 6. 2	-	-	
PIGS														
Slips	4.18. 5	5. 4. 7	5.19. 1	6. 1. 6	6. 8. 4	6.18. 5	7.15. 1	6.15.10	5. 8. 2	6.15. 5	7. 3. 2	7. 1.10	6. 9. 4	
Porkers	9. 1. 3	8.17. 5	10. 0.11	9.13. 6	10.17.10	10.15. 0	11.12. 8	12.13. 0	12. 7. 6	11.14. 7	11.17. 2	11. 4. 3	11.17.10	
Baconers	14.11.10	13.18. 3	15. 4.11	15. 2. 8	15.14. 5	16. 0.11	17. 9. 4	20. 4. 4	20. 5. 9	18.14. 0	18. 9. 2	18. 7. 3	17. 6. 0	

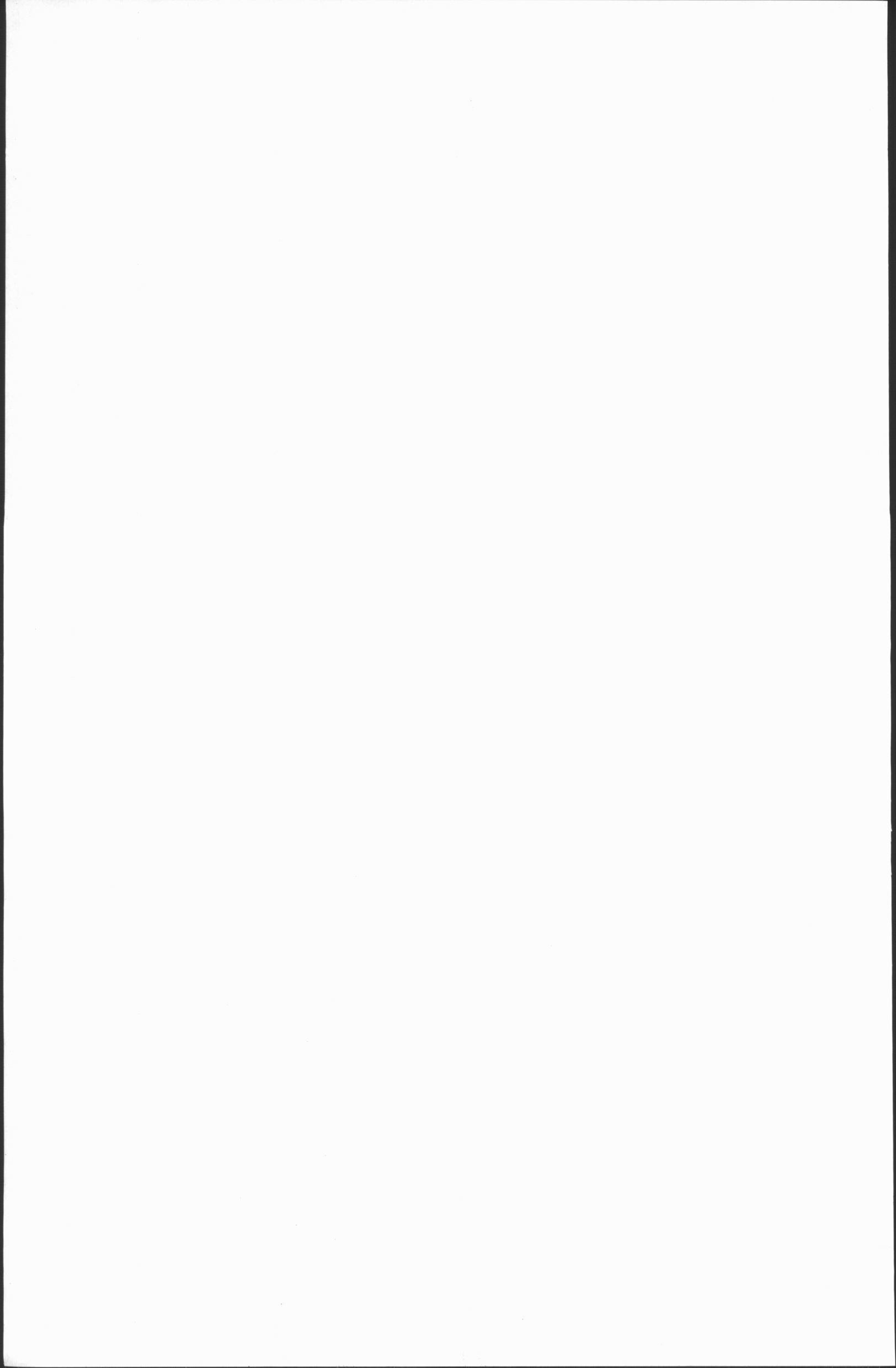


RETAIL HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES - NEW AGREEMENTS MADE (a)

Period	Motor Vehicles Tractors, etc.			Plant and Machinery			Household and Personal Goods (b)			Total (All Goods)			Total Balances Outstanding at end of each period (e)
	Agree- ments Made	Total Value of Goods(c)	Amount Financed (d)	Agree- ments Made	Total Value of Goods(c)	Amount Financed (d)	Agree- ments Made	Total Value of Goods(c)	Amount Financed (d)	Agree- ments Made	Total Value of Goods (c)	Amount Financed (d)	
	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	
1954-55	21,679	14,645	8,505	745	604	387	49,831	3,835	3,091	72,255	19,084	11,983	14,151
1955-56	21,810	14,644	9,133	821	531	334	57,592	4,484	3,674	80,223	19,659	13,141	15,388
1956-57	20,790	13,524	8,325	1,385	963	604	60,417	4,338	3,523	82,592	18,825	12,452	15,488
1957-58	26,321	18,176	11,263	1,829	1,542	1,031	64,214	4,811	3,880	92,364	24,529	16,224	19,052
1958-59	26,998	18,216	11,264	2,145	1,782	1,167	51,721	4,166	3,340	80,864	24,164	15,771	20,779
1958 - April	2,303	1,757	1,059	226	204	143	4,485	331	267	7,014	2,292	1,469	18,534
May	2,314	1,645	1,028	170	129	95	4,938	358	285	7,422	2,132	1,408	18,859
June	2,078	1,409	874	102	75	57	4,927	323	267	7,107	1,807	1,198	19,052
July	2,252	1,472	908	112	58	41	4,513	311	250	6,377	1,841	1,199	19,160
August	2,050	1,323	815	101	116	90	4,294	302	246	6,445	1,741	1,151	19,363
September	2,234	1,523	945	146	117	77	4,406	346	276	6,786	1,986	1,298	19,605
October	2,602	1,673	1,037	234	230	143	5,035	387	321	7,871	2,290	1,501	20,107
November	2,283	1,645	1,024	324	367	234	4,881	402	328	7,488	2,414	1,586	20,708
December	2,355	1,593	992	190	174	110	6,086	494	402	8,631	2,261	1,504	21,201
1959 - January	2,343	1,512	952	114	62	43	4,592	480	360	7,049	2,054	1,355	21,308
February	2,140	1,441	893	139	111	71	3,532	325	254	5,811	1,877	1,218	20,570
March	2,122	1,569	956	188	143	95	3,653	280	228	5,963	1,992	1,279	20,526
April	2,262	1,598	977	274	204	129	3,817	313	251	6,353	2,115	1,357	20,699
May	2,178	1,455	896	192	123	82	3,833	272	221	6,203	1,850	1,199	20,818
June	2,177	1,412	869	131	77	52	3,200	263	210	5,509	1,752	1,131	20,779
July	2,213	1,562	952	139	97	63	3,374	297	232	5,726	1,956	1,247	20,878
August	2,282	1,641	1,026	132	87	61	3,660	284	229	6,074	2,012	1,316	21,107
September	2,446	1,596	1,002	174	145	89	3,790	360	292	6,410	2,101	1,383	21,407
October	2,620	1,822	1,154	354	352	223	3,663	356	288	6,637	2,530	1,665	21,991
November	2,687	1,987	1,231	445	534	335	3,371	427	344	7,003	2,948	1,910	22,892
December	2,889	2,165	1,360	221	224	138	4,709	461	368	7,819	2,850	1,866	23,633
1960 - January													(f)23,721

Particulars not yet available

(a) Figures relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail but do not retail goods themselves. (b) Includes furniture and furnishings, domestic refrigerators, electrical goods, radios, musical instruments, bicycle and other household and personal goods. (c) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance). (d) Excludes hiring charges and insurance. (e) Includes hiring charges and insurance. (f) Preliminary estimates.



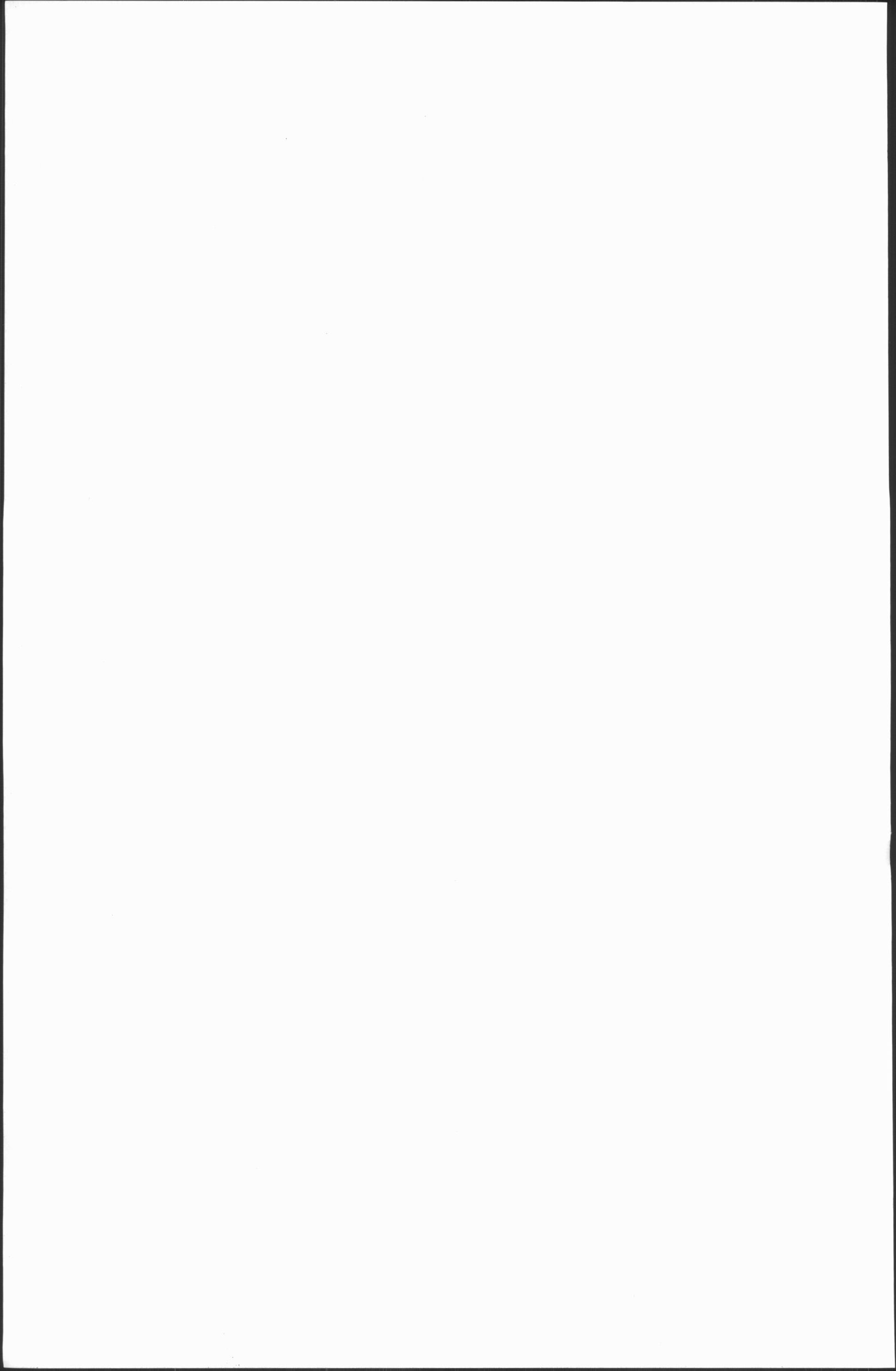
RETAIL SALES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COMMODITY GROUPS

figures for the years 1948-49, 1952-53 and 1956-57 were obtained from Censuses taken in respect of those years, whereas particulars for 1957-58, 1958-59 and quarterly periods are estimates based on sample surveys and are subject to revision for all periods subsequent to 30th June, 1957.

(& million)

Period	Groceries	Butchers' Meat	Other Food-Stuffs, Soft Drinks	Beer, Wine and Spirits	Clothing, Drapery, Soft Furnishings	Footwear	Hardware, China and Glassware (a)	Electrical Goods, Pianos, etc.	Furniture, Floor Coverings, Mattresses	Chemists' Goods	News-papers, Books, Stationery	Other Goods (b)	Total excl. Motor Vehicles, etc.	Motor Vehicles, Tractors, Parts, Petrol, etc. (c)
1948-49	10.8	4.0	7.1	8.5	12.6	1.7	3.8	2.4	3.0	1.6	1.7	7.5	64.7	13.7
1952-53	20.7	8.2	13.7	14.4	20.5	3.6	9.3	6.1	5.2	3.2	3.3	18.2	126.4	37.3
1956-57	26.2	11.3	18.6	17.6	24.2	3.9	10.1	7.5	6.1	4.6	4.4	21.3	155.8	49.3
1957-58	27.4	12.0	19.4	19.5	28.6(d)	(d)	10.1	8.2	6.5	(e)	(e)	31.8(e)	163.5	56.3
1958-59	28.8	11.2	19.5	18.4	24.9	4.2	10.9	8.6	6.6	5.6	4.8	21.3	164.8	55.3
Sept. Qr.														
1956	6.6	2.9	4.4	3.8	6.6(d)	(d)	2.4	1.6	1.5	(e)	(e)	6.6(e)	36.4	11.5
1957	6.6	3.1	4.5	4.2	6.7(d)	(d)	2.5	1.9	1.6	(e)	(e)	7.0(e)	38.1	13.6
1958	7.0	2.8	4.6	4.0	5.9	1.0	2.5	1.9	1.6	1.3	1.1	4.4	38.1	13.0
1959	7.5	2.9	5.0	4.2	6.3	1.1	2.7	2.4	1.7	1.4	1.1	4.5	40.8	14.7
Dec. Qr.														
1956	6.7	2.8	4.8	4.7	8.2(d)	(d)	2.7	2.3	1.6	(e)	(e)	7.8(e)	41.6	12.5
1957	7.2	3.0	5.0	5.3	8.5(d)	(d)	2.9	2.6	1.8	(e)	(e)	8.1(e)	44.4	14.7
1958	7.6	2.8	5.0	5.2	7.1	1.2	3.1	2.9	1.8	1.5	1.3	5.2	44.7	14.1
1959	(f)	(f)	(f)	(f)	(f)	(f)	(f)	(f)	(f)	(f)	(f)	(f)	48.1	(f)
March Qr.														
1956	6.4	2.6	4.8	4.6	5.8(d)	(d)	2.3	2.1	1.4	(e)	(e)	7.8(e)	37.8	12.7
1957	6.3	2.7	4.7	4.9	6.0(d)	(d)	2.4	1.8	1.5	(e)	(e)	8.1(e)	38.4	12.1
1958	6.7	2.9	5.0	5.4	6.0(d)	(d)	2.4	2.0	1.5	(e)	(e)	8.5(e)	40.4	14.0
1959	7.0	2.7	5.2	5.0	5.1	0.9	2.6	2.0	1.5	1.3	1.2	5.6	40.1	13.9
June Qr.														
1956	6.7	2.8	4.3	3.7	7.3(d)	(d)	2.5	1.5	1.4	(e)	(e)	7.5(e)	37.7	11.1
1957	6.6	2.9	4.7	4.2	7.3(d)	(d)	2.6	1.8	1.5	(e)	(e)	7.8(e)	39.4	13.2
1958	6.9	3.0	4.9	4.6	7.4(d)	(d)	2.3	1.7	1.6	(e)	(e)	8.2(e)	40.6	14.0
1959	7.2	2.9	4.7	4.2	6.8	1.1	2.7	1.8	1.7	1.5	1.2	6.1	41.9	14.3

(a) Excludes basic building materials (e.g. Timber, Building Sheets, Tiles, Joinery, Cement). (b) Includes Tobacco, Cigarettes, Grain and Produce, Jewellery, Office Equipment, etc. (c) Excludes Farm Machinery and Implements, Earth-moving Equipment, etc. (d) Footwear is included with Clothing, Drapery, Soft Furnishings. (e) Chemists' Goods and Papers, Books, Stationery are included with Other Goods (f) Not yet available.



MONTHLY PRODUCTION STATISTICS

Item	Unit	JANUARY		Seven Months ended JANUARY	
		1960	1959	1960	1959
<u>Building Materials, etc.</u>					
Bath Heaters - solid fuel	number	302	271	3,121	3,026
Bricks - Clay	'000	5,232	4,277	57,304	53,431
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq. yd.	92	83	752	738
Lime (Quicklime)	ton	1,642	1,485	13,497	13,453
Ready Mixed Paints and Enamels excluding Water Paints	gallon	22,283	18,504	209,675	170,897
Tiles, roofing - Cement	'000	333	355	3,218	3,048
Timber - Sawn (from Local Logs) (a)	'000 sup. ft.	11,186	14,219	123,830	123,645
<u>Clothing</u>					
Blazers - Men's and Boys'	number	416	455	5,591	5,717
Pyjamas, Woven - Men's and Boys'	dozen	518	857	6,328	7,454
Shirts (all types) Men's and Boys'	"	3,598	2,800	38,455	34,544
Suits - Men's - 3 piece	number	27	33	366	430
- 2 piece	"	840	750	10,035	9,163
Trousers - Men's - Sport	"	5,396	3,621	44,154	34,735
- Work	"	13,989	10,006	107,883	87,506
<u>Footwear</u>					
Boots, Shoes and Sandals (all types)	pair	22,934	18,069	353,380	354,795
Slippers	"	5,622	10,122	88,557	139,259
<u>Food and Drink</u>					
Aerated Waters	'000 gallon	515	555	2,660	2,529
Cordials and Syrups	gallon	18,448	28,809	131,563	151,333
Bacon and Ham	'000 lb.	438	440	4,120	3,949
Butter	"	1,017	835	12,964	11,394
Cheese	"	168	166	2,591	1,972
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Acid - Acetic	cwt.	843	600	4,641	3,809
- Sulphuric	ton	17,813	18,682	118,107	109,526
Coal	"	54,243	55,176	513,543	508,567
Electricity Generated	'000 k.W.h.	74,822	71,282	529,862	504,795
Gas Produced	million cub. ft.	109	104	828	856
Mattresses - Inner Spring	number	2,541	2,606	20,761	19,296
- Woven Wire	"	1,136	3,371	13,525	15,114
- Soft Filled	"	2,218	2,447	20,123	19,838
Motor Vehicle Bodies - Truck Trays	"	32	22	352	273
Pig Iron	ton	4,257	1,639	26,181	11,387
Superphosphate	"	46,355	51,182	327,310	299,252
Wool - Scoured	'000 lb.	2,931	2,481	19,684	14,993

(a) Includes plywood veneers in terms of super feet.

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